BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF PETITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND) ORDER ON EXTENSION OF TIME TO **CONSERVATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE**) NORTH HILLS CONTROLLED GROUND WATER) AREA NO. 411-116636

FILE EXCEPTIONS AND REQUEST ORAL ARGUMENT

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Department) received today a Motion from the Petitioners for an extension of time to file Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision issued in this matter. Petitioners indicate in their Motion that the Helena Realtors Association did not object to this extension of time and that neither party would request oral argument. The original date for submission of exceptions to the Proposal for Decision was March 20, 2008, and oral argument, if requested, was to be held on March 25, 2008. While Petitioners and Helena Realtors Association may not wish oral argument, there are other parties to this proceeding who may request oral argument.

Accordingly it is **ORDERED**:

The deadline for submitting exceptions to the Hearing Examiner on the Proposal for Decision is extended until 5:00 p.m. on Monday March 24, 2008. Exceptions must be post-marked or hand delivered by that date. Please provide a faxed copy of the Exceptions to the Hearing Examiner at 406-538-7089 by 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2008. Oral argument on Exceptions must be requested in writing by 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2008. A written request for oral argument must be post-marked or hand delivered by that date. Please provide a faxed copy of the written request for oral argument to the Hearing Examiner at 406-538-7089 by 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2008. If oral argument is requested, it will be held as previously scheduled on March 25, 2008, at 9:30 am in the Ted Doney Room of the DNRC Water Resources Building. 1424 Ninth Avenue, Helena, Montana. Only parties submitting timely written exceptions will be allowed oral argument. As a reminder, parties must identify evidence in the record to support their Exceptions.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2008.

Scott Irvin, Hearings Officer Water Resources Division

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This certifies a true and correct copy of the ODER ON EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE EXCEPTIONS AND REQUEST ORAL ARGUMENT IN THE MATTER OF PETITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH HILLS CONTROLLED GROUND WATER AREA NO. 41I-116636 was sent to all individuals listed below by first class mail to the addresses shown. A copy of this *Order on Extension of Time* is also posted on the Department's website at the following: http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/water_rts/cgwa/northhills/default.asp

Date: March 18, 2008

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